

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 14 are being amended. Support for the amendments can be found at least on page 10, lines 8-18 and FIG. 3 of the Specification as originally filed. No new claims are being added. Applicants believe no new matter is being added by way of this Amendment.

Regarding claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants' now amended claim 1 recites in pertinent part:

A method operating in a device that couples circuit switched and packet switched networks for eliminating false voice detection in Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) service supporting a voice band data mode and a voice mode,

where the underlined text indicates elements added by way of amendment. *See e.g.*, Specification, page 10, line 8-18 referring to FIG. 3.

Applicants' now amended claim 1 positively ties the claimed method to a device that: i) couples circuit switched and packet switched networks, and ii) accomplishes or otherwise executes the claimed method. As such, Applicants respectfully submit now amended claim 1 overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and respectfully request the claim be allowed.

Claims 2-8 depend from now amended base claim 1 and, as such, should be allowed for the same reasons.

Claims 9-13 also depend from now amended base claim 1 and, as such, should also be allowed for the same reasons.

Regarding claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 14-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants are amending the claims for clarity. Applicants' now amended claim 14 recites in pertinent part:

while remaining in the voice band data mode with the silence detector enabled to detect silence on the bus, enable voice detection in response to the silence detector's detecting silence for a predetermined length of time,

where the underlined text indicates elements added by way of amendment. Applicants respectfully submit now amended claims 14-26 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Regarding claim objection.

Applicants believe now amended claim 14 overcomes the objection and respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

Regarding allowed subject matter.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 27-40.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims (claim 1-40) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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